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In re Application of

Paul D. Marko

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Convolutional Encoding and Interleaving

Group Art Unit: 2662

Examiner: H. Kizou

RESPONSE

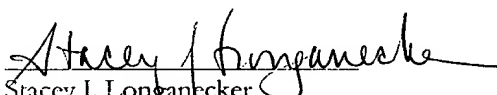
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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005, claims 1-8 and 10-13 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3, 5-8 and 16-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,824. Claims 9 and 14 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,229,824 in view of published U.S. Patent Application No. US005812601A, to Schramm. These rejections of the claims are believed to be overcome in view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted concurrently herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-14 on these grounds be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the application, including claims 1-14, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

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